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Fluid Spills Reported in Western North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of several unrelated spills in western North Dakota.

One spill was caused by a vehicle accident on May 26, which led to the release of about two gallons of crude oil and about 100 gallons of diesel fuel. The driver of a tractor trailer owned by Triple C Services pulled over to the side of a road during a period of heavy rain and hit a soft shoulder. Both the trailer and tractor slid off the road, spilling liquids into a slough. A response team was called in to work on the site.

On May 27, a valve on a storage tank at a site owned by OneOK Rockies Midstream was accidentally opened. A cow is suspected of having rubbed against the valve. About 20 barrels of natural gas condensate were released near Sully Creek, a tributary of the Little Missouri River, and booms have been put in place as a precaution. Cleanup of the area has begun.

A brine spill occurred on May 27 when a valve or piping connection leaked approximately 200 barrels of produced water (brine) from a Crescent Point Energy well two miles west of Wildrose, N.D. The release impacted cultivated land. Approximately 80 barrels have been recovered and the impacted soil will be removed to a licensed disposal facility.

Another brine spill occurred on May 27 at a well site owned by Samson Resources Company six miles southwest of Crosby. A leak in a valve or piping connection caused produced water (brine) to spray on and off site. Approximately 410 barrels were contained on the site and 15 barrels escaped onto cultivated land. The contaminated soil will be removed to a licensed disposal facility.

Inspectors from the North Dakota Department of Health will monitor the clean-up efforts at the scenes.

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